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SITUATION REPORT AS OF COB 17 MARCH 1978 AS FOLLOWS:

1. A. WEEKLY BOAT REFUGEE ARRIVALS 435 (MARCH 1 - 17 ARRIVALS).
- B. CUMULATIVE ARRIVALS 5993. U.N.-REVISED STATS AS OF
16 MARCH.
- C. WEEKLY NUMBER APPROVED BY INS FOR WHOM BIOS SENT TO

ACVA 0; NUMBER IN CATEGORY I 0.

D. CUMULATIVE NUMBER APPROVED BY INS FOR WHOM BIOS SENT TO ACVA 3888; NUMBER IN CATEGORY I 1269.

E. TOTAL NUMBER APPROVED BY INS FOR WHOM SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES NOT RECEIVED BY POST 1143; CE 30.

F. TOTAL NUMBER FOR WHOM ASSURANCES NOT RECEIVED AFTER TWO MONTHS 160.

G. WEEKLY ASSURANCES RECEIVED ON APPROVED REFUGEES 192; CE 15.

H. TOTAL ASSURANCES RECEIVED ON APPROVED REFUGEES IN COUNTRY 633; CE 139.

I. TOTAL WEEKLY DEPARTURES FOR U.S. 111; NUMBER IN CAT I 25.

J. TOTAL CUMULATIVE DEPARTURES FOR U.S. 2112; NUMBER IN CAT I 860; NUMBER OF KHMER 18.

K. CUMULATIVE THIRD COUNTRY DEPARTURES: BELGIUM 11; FRANCE 128; CANADA 44; NEW ZEALAND 219; GERMANY 4; AUSTRALIA 1498; DENMARK 26; SWITZERLAND 3; HOLLAND 35; TOTAL 1968. DATE OF LATEST INFORMATION 17 MAR 1978.

L. CURRENT POPULATION IN BOAT REFUGEE CAMPS 4764.

M. OF WHOM APPROVED BY INS 1776.

N. REMAINING POPULATION IN CAMPS WITHOUT RESETTLEMENT OFFER 2988.

O. OF WHOM FULLY DOCUMENTED AND READY FOR INS INTERVIEW 1300,

2. FIGURES REVISED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH U.N. AS TO FIRM UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FIGURES. CURRENT ARRIVAL RATE (OVER PAST 10 WEEKS) IS 1100 PERSONS PER MONTH. AVERAGE ARRIVAL RATE SINCE AUGUST 1977 IS 800 PER MONTH.

3. PRESS RELEASE THIS DATE FROM AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION K.L. STATES THAT 2,000 ADDITIONAL REFUGEES WILL BE ACCEPTED AND MOVED FROM THAI AND MALAYSIAN BOAT CAMPS BY END OF JUNE. SIXTY PERCENT OF THESE WILL BE BOAT CASES. RELEASE ALSO STATES REFUGEE PROGRAM WILL BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY TO ASCERTAIN NEED FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS IN 1978 (RPT) 1978 AND 1979.

4. AUSTRALIAN OFFICERS ESTIMATE ABOUT 800 BOAT REFUGEES, PERHAPS MORE, WILL COME FROM MALAYSIAN CAMPS. INITIAL ACCEPTANCE WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO ENGLISH-SPEAKING REFUGEES TO ALLEVIATE PRESENT CONGESTION IN AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE HOSTELS. CONGESTION DUE TO NECESSITY OF UP TO THREE MONTHS ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING REFUGEES ARRIVING AUSTRALIA.

5. AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICER ON EAST COAST AT PRESENT. HE HAS BEGUN INTERVIEWS OF NUMEROUS RECENTLY ARRIVED REFUGEES

NOT ACCEPTED BY U.S. OFFICER ALSO HAS NUMEROUS CANDIDATES
FROM AN AUSTRALIAN RESERVE LIST WHO WERE ALSO DEFERRED FROM
U.S. INTERVIEWS. TWO ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS REQUESTED
FROM CANBERRA.

6. CANADIAN AND FRENCH TEAMS HAD BEGUN E. COAST INTERVIEWS
FOUR TO SIX DAYS IN ADVANCE OF AUSTRALIAN ANNOUNCEMENT.
ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD NOT, AS A RESULT, DRAW SIGNIFICANT
NUMBERS FROM THOSE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED BY CANADA AND
FRANCE.
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